

## **Claims**

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method, comprising:
  - 2 a) maintaining an understanding at a client of those portions of a
  - 3 response that have been received over a network from a server; and
  - 4 b) issuing a request message from said client to said server for a portion
  - 5 of said response that has not been received at said client.
  
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising sending a reply message from
- 2 said server to said client, said reply message having at least a portion of said
- 3 portion of said response.
  
- 1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein said reply message further comprises an
- 2 indication of a size of said response.
  
- 1 4. The method of claim 3 wherein said indication of a size of said response
- 2 further comprises an indication of how much of said response remains to be
- 3 delivered to said client.
  
- 1 5. The method of claim 2 wherein said reply message is part of a burst of
- 2 reply messages, said burst of reply messages having said portion of said
- 3 response.
  
- 1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein said request message further comprises a
- 2 starting address and an extent.

1    7.     The method of claim 6 wherein said starting address corresponds to an  
2     address between a starting address for said response and an ending address for  
3     said response.

1    8.     The method of claim 6 wherein said extent corresponds to an address  
2     between a starting address for said response and an ending address for said  
3     response.

1    9.     The method of claim 2 wherein said reply message further comprises an  
2     indication of a capacity of said server.

1    10.    The method of claim 9 wherein said indication of a capacity of said server  
2     further comprises a server burst size limit.

1    11.    The method of claim 1 wherein said request message further comprises an  
2     indication of a capacity of said client.

1    12.    The method of claim 11 wherein said indication of a capacity of said client  
2     further comprises a client burst limit.

1    13.    The method of claim 1 wherein said request message further comprises a  
2     description of an object located at said server.

1    14.    The method of claim 13 wherein said request message further comprises  
2     an action to be taken by said server upon said object.

1    15.    The method of claim 1 wherein further comprising issuing a request for  
2    said response from a client application to a client transport layer prior to said  
3    maintaining and said issuing a request message.

A handwritten signature consisting of stylized letters, possibly "Adel B3", written in black ink.

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